

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 13-22, and rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,802,174 to Hiraiwa et al. ("Hiraiwa") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,356,595 to Czaja et al. ("Czaja"). By this amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 1-12, and amended claims 20 and 22. Claims 13-22 are now pending.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiraiwa in view of Czaja. However, in order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have canceled rejected claims 1-12. Accordingly the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is moot.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 13-22.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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